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Prices at the beginning of the week were mostly lower throughout the country except in Chicago and New York which were unchanged. During the week prices were not changed. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was mostly light to fair, though at times fairly good into planned feature activity and where winter weather stimulated consumer interest. Supplies were adequate to available with large in the longest position. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged throughout the week. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate forcing sellers to take lower prices for heavy weight product. Slow movement of yolk and whole egg products caused many buyers to take a wait and see approach to the market. The trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Light type fowl supplies were fully sufficient for current slaughter needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	95-97	85-87	59-61
New York	57-59	54-57	48-51
Philadelphia	55-60	53-58	47-50
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	47-48	45.5-47	42-43
Jackson (1)	57-58	54-55	51-52
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	54-67	51-65	45-59
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	46-51	45-50	40-45
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	36-39
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-51.5	43-50	37-43
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	40-47
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	62-64	56-59	49-53
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	83	76	73
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Jan-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	60.37	58.00	50.72
SOUTHERN	63.22	61.24	53.60
MIDWEST	53.87	52.71	44.66
WESTERN	84.33	79.49	72.04
TWELVE METRO AREAS	67.83	64.87	57.31

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO
PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES
EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	01-25-00	01-18-00	01-26-99
Large	26-28	34-36	57-59
Medium	22-24	27-29	46-48

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Jan 24, 2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
			CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.4	9.1	5.7	10.4	8.7	40.3
	Change	0.9	-2.7	-1.4	0.3	1.5	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.1	30.7	9.8	22.1	19.5	107.2
	Change	-2.4	-8.1	-5.5	-3.7	-1.0	-16%
Large	Curr Wk	42.9	82.8	49.0	56.2	80.5	311.4
	Change	-5.6	-11.5	-0.6	-13.5	-5.8	-11%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.2	36.4	14.1	15.5	18.6	96.8
	Change	1.3	1.8	-1.0	0.2	0.6	3%
Small	Curr Wk	6.1	5.0	1.6	3.3	5.7	21.7
	Change	2.2	-0.4	0.4	-1.0	2.3	19%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.0	17.6	6.4	12.2	5.9	47.1
	Change	-0.5	-7.6	-1.6	3.3	0.3	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	36.4	68.2	10.4	27.7	44.1	186.8
	Change	-4.7	2.6	-2.6	2.9	0.9	0%
Total	Curr Wk	134.1	249.8	97.0	147.4	183.0	811.3
Percent	Change	-6%	-9%	-11%	-7%	-1%	-7%

TOTAL Number of Percent Number of
Cases Change Cooperators

Shell Egg	811.3	-7%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	444.7	6%	40

Total Shell Egg 1256.0 -3% 207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 167.0 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 22-JAN-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,149,555	25,566	11,777	6,403	3,523	3,821
PW	1,149,885	25,477	12,180	6,673	2,985	3,748
LY	990,263	21,694	9,804	5,729	2,783	3,474
% PW	0	0	-3	-4	18	2
% LY	16	18	20	12	27	10
2000	3,464,767	78,197	34,811	19,459	9,377	11,662
1999	3,103,687	70,688	29,082	16,822	8,336	9,995

Dried To Date 2000 - total adjusted

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
	41.38	41.81	41.10

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 22-JAN-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS	LAST
		WEEK	YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	242.7	0	3
E.N. CENTRAL	480.1	-1	16
W.N. CENTRAL	243.3	-1	8
S. ATLANTIC	192.1	-3	-4
S. CENTRAL	72.5	-5	-8
WEST	192.3	-7	-15
TOTAL	1,423.0	-2	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		93	93

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	15 Selected States		in 15 Selected States	
	JAN 15	JAN 22	JAN 15	JAN 22
	Thousand			
AL	28,764	28,543	21,352	21,428
AR	29,410	30,610	24,581	25,128
DE	4,349	4,446	*5,210	4,823
FL	2,657	2,729	2,117	2,185
GA	31,268	31,475	*24,033	24,834
MD	8,484	8,411	*5,528	6,355
MS	17,238	17,855	14,897	14,178
NC	17,759	17,334	13,748	13,571
PA	*3,636	4,120	*2,820	2,792
SC	4,795	4,948	3,989	3,853
TX	13,854	14,097	11,076	10,947
VA	6,376	6,313	*5,354	5,202
CA, TN, & WV	*11,069	10,770	*10,073	9,912
15 State Total	*179,659	181,651	*144,778	145,208
Previous Year	177,385	175,708	*141,953	142,888
Pct. of Prev.	101	103	102	102

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 4-Mar-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 151.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.43 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 01/20/00-01/26/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	30.33	34.67	30.88	33.10	32.27	—	36.50
GNR W 2	—	31.00	—	—	29.00	—	1.50
GNR W 3	—	30.00	—	—	22.22	24.00	12.00
GNR W 4	—	—	21.00	23.00	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	38.00	—	—	35.00	—	13.25
GL W LG	—	37.50	26.32	29.50	29.38	—	27.50
GL W MD	—	—	25.25	27.00	25.00	31.50	18.75
GL W SM	20.00	21.50	20.75	22.50	—	—	7.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.25	29.25	21.81	24.63	29.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 22-JAN-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW		PERCENT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA		29.8		26.4	13	0
BOSTON		3.4		3.1	10	-60
CHICAGO		41.3		39.8	4	-27
DETROIT		30.5		27.6	11	15
KANSAS CITY		0.1		0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES		94.7		94.1	1	20
NEW ORLEANS		10.4		9.3	12	-24
NEW YORK		38.0		36.7	4	-5
ST. LOUIS		14.2		17.3	-18	-1
SAN FRANCISCO		20.7		21.9	-5	-1
TOTAL		283.1		276.3	2	-2
4 WK MVG AVG		287.7				

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 15-JAN-00

	FRYER-ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	5,058	0	71	5,190
AVG WT	27.51	0.00	25.07	27.25
LAST WEEK	3,545	2	20	3,567
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,230	5	21	4,256
AVG WT	25.25 (B)	26.20	30.71	25.28
TO-DATE/2000	8,603 (B)	2	91	8,757
TO-DATE/1999	8,805 (B)	26	33	8,864

(A) Includes 61 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 15-JAN-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND			RSTR	BAND		
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	—THOUSAND	HEAD—		WT
N EAST	1,065	26	22.67	(A)	(A)	1,142	21.96
S ATL	752	58	31.69	(A)	(A)	792	31.22
N CENT	2,396	69	30.12	(A)	(A)	2,398	30.14
S CENT	669	18	22.51	NONE	NONE	669	22.51
WEST	176	-27	22.35	(A)	(A)	189	22.68
U.S. TOTAL	5,058(B)	5	27.51	61	71	5,190	27.25
TO DATE							
2000	8,605(B)			61	91	8,757	
TO DATE							
1999	8,831(B)			0	33	8,864	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 0, for the year 2,000; last year to date 26,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 22-Jan-00 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	147,873(A)	2,030	1,229	3,259	477
AVG WT	5.20	3.32	8.19	5.16	6.42
LAST WEEK	156,486	2,149	1,283	3,432	575
YR AGO	144,272	2,408	1,211	3,619	475
AVG WT	5.03	3.39	7.47	4.76	7.05
TO-DATE/2000	459,946	6,186	4,138	10,324	1,514
TO-DATE/1999	455,230	6,796	4,071	10,867	1,530

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 149.7 million head or 0.9 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Jan-00

	CURRENT WEEK 01/29/00(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/22/00
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	148,606(2)	147,587
LT HENS	2,057	2,009
HVY HENS	1,259	1,284
TOTAL	151,922	150,880

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Jan-00 is 151.7 million head compared to 151.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 150.4 million head or 1.3 million less than estimated available. For week of 05-Feb-00 the estimated available is 152.4 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER 18	150.8	139.5	108	5.05
25	118.9	137.9	86	5.05
JANUARY 1	129.1	140.4	92	4.89
8	157.5	144.3	109	5.01
15	158.4	148.5	107	5.10
22	149.7	150.6	99	5.20
YEAR TO DATE	465.6	443.4	105	
JANUARY 29		151.7		
FEBRUARY 5		152.4		

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-

SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 24-Jan-00	4,982	84,278	77,236
AM 1-Jan-00	4,288	65,047	75,162
CHG	694	19231	2074
PCT CHG	16	30	3

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 01/24/00-01/29/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago 41.00-44.00		43.28	49	46.32	80
Los Angeles 63.00		61.75	62	59.64	123
New York 42.00-45.00		44.21	33	51.98	81

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-58	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
24-Jan-00	17-Jan-00	17-Jan-00	25-Jan-99
53.74	0.01	53.73	59.26

NUMBER OF LOADS 636

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
01/24/00	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	7-16(1)	8-10	10.03
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8-19.5(1)	8.5-10	10.62
01/21/99	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	

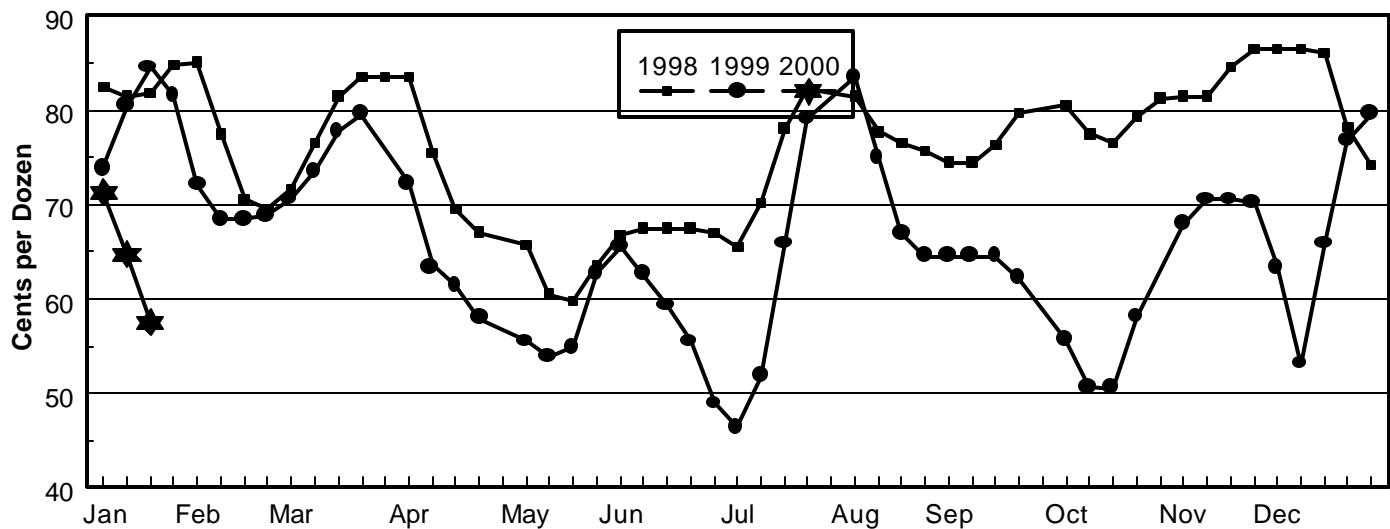
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading

(2) At Farm Producer Loading

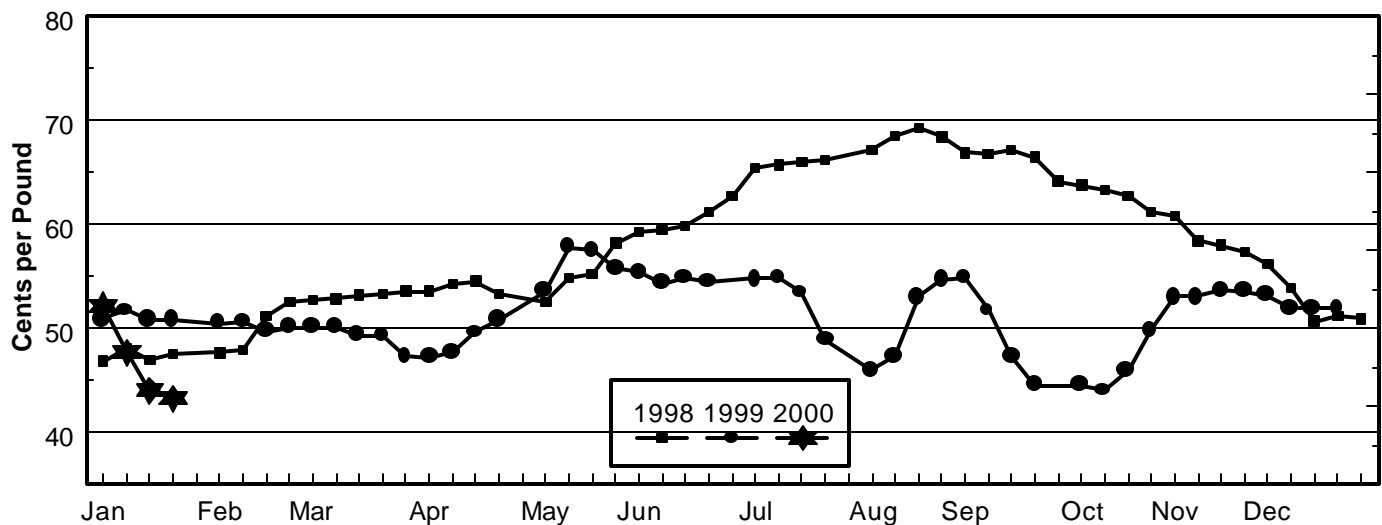
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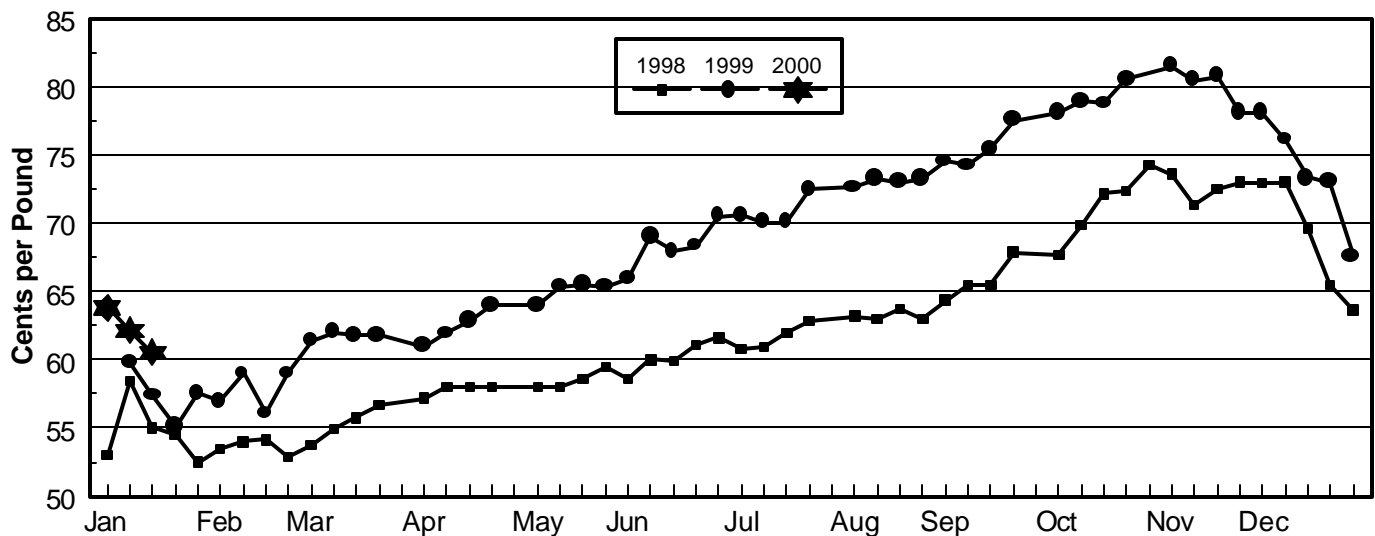
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.